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2002 - 2003 EARLY SEASON  
RESIDENT AND MIGRATORY UPLAND GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

This flyer is provided for the benefit of early season bird hunters including dove, pigeon, quail, chukar, sage grouse, forest grouse, ptarmigan and snipe.  
The Fish and Game Commission adopts hunting regulations for resident game birds, doves and band-tailed pigeons at its early August meeting. Because of the time required in the printing process, it is extremely difficult to distribute the bird hunting booklets to the public in time for the early season game bird hunts, therefore, the Commission has published this flyer, which can be printed and distributed more quickly.  
*HUNTERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST COMPLY WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS, INCLUDING UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP, HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION (HIP), METHODS OF TAKE AND SHOOTING HOURS. PLEASE REFER TO LAST YEAR'S CALIFORNIA HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENT AND MIGRATORY UPLAND GAME BIRDS BOOKLET UNTIL THE NEW BOOKLETS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN MID-SEPTEMBER.*

300. UPLAND GAME BIRDS (a) Resident Upland Game Birds (see authorized methods of take, Section 311)

(1) General Seasons: Shotgun; Crossbow; and Pistol/Revolver for Blue/Ruffed Grouse Only; bag and possession limits and open areas	SPECIES	1. Seasons	2. Daily bag and possession limits
	<b>(B) QUAIL</b> [including California (valley) quail, mountain quail, and Gambel's (desert) quail] See area zone descriptions for details		
	Mountain Quail only:	a. <b>Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A)</b> - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October. <b>(September 14, 2002 - October 18, 2002)</b>	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
	All Species:	<b>General Quail Season (Zone A)</b> -The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January. <b>(October 19, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b>	
	All Species:	b. <b>Early Coastal Season (Zone B)</b> - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January <b>(September 28, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b>	
	All Species:	c. <b>Balance of the State Season (Zone C)</b> - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January <b>(October 19, 2002- January 26, 2003)</b>	
	<b>QUAIL HUNTING ZONE AREA DESCRIPTIONS</b>		
	3. Area Zone Descriptions: a. <b>Zone A:</b> The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests. b. <b>Zone B:</b> The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino. c. <b>Zone C:</b> The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone B (all of the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino).		
	<b>(C) CHUKAR</b> (Red-legged Partridges)	The third Saturday in October through the last Sunday in January <b>(October 19, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 6 chukar per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
	3. Area	Statewide	
	<b>(D) SAGE GROUSE</b> (Hunting permit required. See details in 5. below.)	The second Saturday in September extending for two consecutive days <b>(September 14 - 15, 2002)</b>  <b>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones:</b>  <b>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones:</b>	See area open zone descriptions  Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season
	<b>SAGE GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS AND PERMIT PROCESS</b>		
	3. Area Open Zone Descriptions: a. <b>East Lassen Zone:</b> That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 502 in the town of Ravendale; north and east on County Road 502 to County Road 526 (Buckhorn Road); east on County Road 526 to the Nevada state line; south along the Nevada state line to its intersection with County Road 320 (Wendel-Flanigan Road); northwest on County Road 320 to its intersection with Highway 395 between Wendel and Litchfield north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning. b. <b>Central Lassen Zone:</b> That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 513 (Termo-Grasshopper Road); east on County Road 513 to its intersection with County Road 523 (Westside Road); north on County Road 523 to its intersection with County Road 525 (Brockman Road); east on County Road 525 to its intersection with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 36 in the town of Johnstonville; west on Highway 36 to its intersection with Highway 139 in Susanville; north on Highway 139 to the point of beginning. c. <b>North Mono Zone:</b> That portion on Mono county beginning at the intersection of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 167; west along Highway 167 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 182 at Bridgeport; north along Highway 182 to the point of beginning. d. <b>South Mono and Inyo Zone:</b> That portion of Mono and Inyo counties beginning at the intersection of Highway 167 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to the second crossing of Highway 266; west along Highway 266 to Highway 168; south and west along Highway 168 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 167; east along Highway 167 to the point of beginning. <b>The following area within this open zone is closed to hunting sage grouse:</b> That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and Benton Crossing Road; north and east along Benton Crossing Road to State Highway 120; north and east on State Highway 120 to U.S. Highway 6; south on U.S. Highway 6 to U.S. Highway 395; north and west on U.S. Highway 395 to the point of beginning. <b>No open season in the balance of the state not included in the above open zones.</b>		
	4. Number of Permits: a. <b>East Lassen Zone:</b> 100 permits b. <b>Central Lassen Zone:</b> 40 permits c. <b>North Mono Zone:</b> 25 permits d. <b>South Mono and Inyo Zone:</b> 25 permits		
	5. Permit Process: The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by public drawing. All applicants shall apply either on a postcard or through the Internet at the License and Revenue Branch Home Page at <a href="http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing">http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing</a> and select sage grouse drawing. All applicants must provide their name, address, zip code, hunting license number, and the zone they wish to hunt. Applicants shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone. Up to four hunters may apply as a party. All hunters' names, addresses, and hunting license numbers must be included on the application. Postcard applications for all hunts shall be mailed to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California, 95816. Applications must be received before the close of the business day on the second Monday of August for all open zones (East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono and Inyo Zone). Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be advertised by news release following each drawing. Applications for remaining permits shall be mailed to the above address with the same required information. Successful drawing applicants previously selected, or hunt party members, may not apply for remaining permits.		
	6. Falconry Only Permits: Applicants desiring to use a sage grouse permit during the falconry-only season must declare upon the application that the permit is for falconry only.		
	<b>(E) BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days <b>(September 14 - October 14, 2002)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: up to 2 blue grouse, up to 2 ruffed grouse, or one of each Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
	<b>BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS</b>		
	3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for blue and ruffed grouse includes the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of blue or ruffed grouse.		
	<b>(F) WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN</b>	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days <b>(September 14 - 22, 2002)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season
	<b>PTARMIGAN HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS</b>		
	3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.		

(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas (see authorized methods of take, sections 311 and 354)	SPECIES	1. Seasons:	2. Daily bag and possession limits
	(B) QUAIL (All species)	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days <b>(August 17 - September 6, 2002)</b> and during the general seasons as follows: a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone A) <b>(September 14 - October 18, 2002)</b> <b>General Quail Season (Zone A)</b> - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January. <b>(October 19, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b> b. Early Coastal Season (Zone B) <b>(September 28, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b> c. Balance of the State Season (Zone C) <b>(October 19, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
	Mountain Quail only:		
	All species		
	All species		
	All species		
(1) Shotgun, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits (see authorized methods of take, section 507)	(C) CHUKAR	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days <b>(August 17 - September 6, 2002)</b> and during the general season <b>(October 19, 2002 - January 26, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 6 chukar Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
	(D) SAGE GROUSE (Hunting permit required. See details in 5., front side, Sage grouse hunting zone descriptions and permit process.)	The second Saturday in September extending for 2 consecutive days <b>(September 14 - 15, 2002)</b> <b>East Lassen and Central Lassen zones:</b>  <b>North Mono and South Mono and Inyo zones:</b>	See area open zone restrictions  Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season
	3. Area:	Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details which include portions of Lassen, Mono and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only. See permit process section for details.	
	(E) BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 days <b>(August 17- September 6, 2002)</b> and during the general season from the second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days <b>(September 14 - October 14, 2002)</b> .	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: up to 2 blue grouse, up to 2 ruffed grouse, or one of each Possession Llimit: double the daily bag limit (4 grouse)
	3. Area:	Open Zone: See open zone descriptions for details (Section 300 (a)(1)(E) 3.) which include northern and eastern portions of the state.	
	(F) WHITE-TAILED PTARMIGAN	The Second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days <b>(September 14 - 22, 2002)</b> .	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day Possession Limit: 2 per season
	3. Area:	Open Zone: See open zone descriptions (Section 300(a)(1)(F) 3.) for details which include portions of Alpine and Mono counties.	
(b) Migratory Upland Game Birds			
		a. Northern zone: The third Saturday in September extending for 9 consecutive days <b>(September 21 - 29, 2002)</b> b. Southern zone: The third Saturday in December extending for 9 consecutive days <b>(December 21 - 29, 2002)</b>	Bag Limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons per day  Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit
BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS			
Area Open Zone Descriptiions: Northern Zone: Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humbolt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Southern Zone: Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.			
(B) DOVES (Mourning doves, white-winged doves, spotted doves and ringed turtle doves)		<b>September 1-15</b> and from the second Saturday in November extending for an additional 45 days <b>(November 9 - December 23, 2002)</b>	Bag Limit: Spotted doves and ringed turtle doves shall be included in the bag and possession limit set for the mourning doves and the white winged doves. 10 doves per day in aggregate of the above listed dove. Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit in the aggregate of the above listed dove.
3. Area: Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground doves, ruddy ground doves and Inca doves.		Statewide for mourning doves. White-winged doves may only be taken in Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.	
(C) COMMON SNIPE		The third Saturday in October extending for 107 days <b>(October 19, 2002 - February 2, 2003)</b>	Bag Limit: 8 per day. Possession Limit: double the daily bag limit.
3. Area:		Statewide	

2002-2003 SHOOTING HOURS FOR GAME BIRDS - A.M. = ½ Hour Before Sunrise, P.M. = Sunset

N o r t h e r n   C a l i f o r n i a												
EUREKA			TULELAKE- KLAMATH BASIN		COLUSA		SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA		SACRAMENTO		LOS BANOS	
Date	a.m	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sept.1	6:13	7:49	6:01	7:41	6:06	7:39	6:09	7:39	6:05	7:36	6:05	7:32
7	6:19	7:40	6:08	7:31	6:11	7:29	6:14	7:30	6:10	7:27	6:09	7:24
14	6:26	7:28	6:15	7:17	6:18	7:18	6:20	7:19	6:16	7:16	6:15	7:13
S o u t h e r n   C a l i f o r n i a												
PASO ROBLES			BAKERSFIELD/ KERN COUNTY		BISHOP OWENS VALLEY		LOS ANGELES		SAN DIEGO		IMPERIAL VALLEY	
Date	a.m	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Sept.1	6:06	7:32	5:58	7:24	5:54	7:23	5:56	7:19	5:53	7:14	5:44	7:05
7	6:11	7:23	6:03	7:15	5:59	7:14	6:00	7:11	5:57	7:06	5:48	6:57
14	6:16	7:13	6:08	7:05	6:04	7:03	6:05	7:01	6:01	6:56	5:53	6:48